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RE.**Serial # 09/682,084****Art Unit 2135****Thank You,****Mark Rodgers**

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In re application of:

Boyle et al

Art Unit: 2135

Application No. 09/682,084

Examiner: Beemnet W. Dada

Filed: July 18, 2001

For: Null Packet Transmission From Inside a Firewall to Open a Communication Window to an Outside Transmitter

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Request for an Interview

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

Applicants request a telephone interview on the subject application, which is now in the fourth month after final rejection. Applicants are technical personnel with little experience in the patent process. Accordingly they did not understand the nature of a 103 based rejection combining references. Therefore the response to the first Office Action did not address the examiner's rejection.

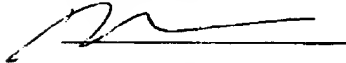
Applicants have been apprised of the nature and substance of the rejection by new representation. As the nature of the response to refute the rejection in any appeal or continuing prosecution differs significantly from the first response, Applicants feel that the examiner should have the opportunity to hear a responsive argument before finalizing the case. Otherwise Appeal or continuing prosecution will have little connection to the earlier arguments.

Accordingly we hope to receive a favorable response to the interview request, as detailed on the accompanying Form PTOL 413A. Please respond by telephone or mail to the contact

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information provided below. If a favorable response is received Applicants will fax information to assist in the interview. Although a proposed interview time/date is included on the Form PTOL 413A as required, Applicants will make every effort to accommodate the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully,



Mark Rodgers

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/682,084 First Named Applicant: Steven C. Boyle
Examiner: Beemnet W. Dada Art Unit: 2135 Status of Application: Under Final
Rejection, Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Steven C. Boyle (2) Mark Rodgers
(3) Debra C. Kirchhoff (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: Friday, April 22, 2005

Proposed Time: 1: 30 PM. (AM/PM)
EST

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: Block Diagrams of cited prior art as actually combined

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej.</u>	<u>1 - 20</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet Attached					

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Applicants did not fully understand basis of rejection in first action, and did not address
examiner's rejection. Applicants, with help of new agent, now understand the 103 rejection,
and, before appeal or continued prosecution, believe that the examiner should have an
opportunity to hear a response that properly addresses the rejection.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Mark Rodgers

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

55,579

Registration Number, if applicable

Examiner/SPE Signature

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.133. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 21 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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